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As snow covers the university students try to stay on their feet. Turn to Page 3 for a story about the weather.



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Are you staying in Manhattan for winter break? Turn to Page 10 to read about what will be going on in the Little Apple come New Year's Eve.

MULTI-MEDIA



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Semester in review

Schulz inaugurated, KU defeated, provost named



Top: Kirk Schulz speaks about the the legends of K-State sports and his plans to expand the athetic department during his inauguration speech in September in Bramlage Coliseum.

Top: Upon receiving the Kansas Governor's Cup Trophy from Kansas Liutenant Governor **Troy Findley, Samuel Lamur**, quarterback, shows his excitement alongside wide receiver **Brodrick Smith** and head coach **Bill Snyder** after the K-State Wildcats beat KU 17-10 Nov. 9.

Top: April Mason, speaks in the K-State Student Union in November as part of her interview to be the next provost and senior vice president of K-State. Mason was named provost later that month.

SEPT. 25 — SCHULZ'S INAUGURATION DRAWS BOARD OF REGENTS, GOVERNOR

For Kirk Schulz's inauguration as the 13th president of K-State on Sept. 24, he was welcomed by speeches from Gov. Mark Parkinson and Jill Docking, chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, among others.

During the inauguration ceremony, which took place in Bramlage Coliseum, Schulz spoke about the two qualities he was looking for in a university — that it was a land-grant school and had a major athletics program.

"So folks, it is a real privilege to be able to serve the university that is my dream job," he said.

NOV. 9 — WILDCATS BEAT JAYHAWKS IN 107TH SUNFLOWER SHOWDOWN

K-State defeated the University of Kansas on Nov. 7, marking the end of a three-year losing streak to the Jayhawks. The last win against KU occurred during head coach Bill Snyder's last year before retirement.

Snyder, who has a 13-4 all-time record against KU, said he was happy for the fans because he knows how much the Sunflower Showdown means to them.

With more than 48,000 people in the stadium, the cheers at the end of the game overpowered the marching band.

"You could hear it in their response, that it meant an awful lot to them," Snyder said.

NOV. 18 — MASON NAMED NEW PROVOST AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

April Mason, current dean of the College of Applied Human Sciences at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., was announced the provost and senior vice president for K-State on Nov. 17. Mason, who presented as a candidate on Oct. 27, said her first goal is to get to know the university.

President Kirk Schulz said he was looking for an individual who would complement his leadership style and be an important member of his cabinet — which he felt Mason was.

Mason is replacing M. Duane Nellis, who left K-State in June to become president of the University of Idaho.

AUG. 25 — RILEY LEAST ECONOMICALLY STRESSED COUNTY IN US

Although the effects of a recession were evident in Riley County, it was the least economically stressed county in the nation, according to an analysis by the Associated Press for the month of August.

This report, called the "AP Economic Stress Index," is released each month, and Bruce Snead, Manhattan city commissioner, said he expected Manhattan to see an eventual downturn in local business in later months. Eileen King, Riley County treasurer, pointed to Fort Riley and K-State as income sources that kept the recession from affecting the county as much as other counties.

NOV. 3 — CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE RELOCATION OF FEDERAL LAB

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., announced the relocation of Arthropod-Borne Animal Disease Research Library to Manhattan at a City Hall meeting Nov. 2. The federal research lab, which is currently located in Laramie, Wyo., collaborates on research projects concerning infectious agents carried by insects, according to its Web site.

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SPECIAL SERIES: PART 5 OF 5

Local church welcomes gay community

Editor's Note: This is part five of a five-part series addressing the gay community and its relationship to organized religion. Part five focuses on a local church that welcomes the gay community to worship openly. LGBTQI stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and inter-sex.

By Jason Miller
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As Westview Community Church set to offer its second session of the Living Waters program, which offers homosexual individuals counseling to become straight, Manhattan finds itself in a debate over whether such a program should be offered. Aside from conflicting religious views, therapists and others disagree about whether the program works and if providing such a service would only confuse and damage people seeking help.

THE RESPONSE

"I don't think it's appropriate because it makes an assumption that there is something wrong with someone that has to be fixed," said Rev. R. Kent Cormack, pastor and teacher at First Congregational United Church of Christ.

Cormack, who is openly gay and in a same sex-marriage with the church organist, has been a pastor at First Congregational since 2000. He said his church performs same-sex marriages and encourages its congregation to recognize these unions.



Snow blankets First Congregational United Church of Christ on Poyntz Avenue, which performs same-sex marriage ceremonies and has an openly gay pastor.

Cormack said not all churches share the view First Congregational holds, but he takes great pride in his church's history of welcoming Christians of all sexual orientations, genders and races.

He said his church was specifically formed in Manhattan to support abolitionism, and he likes to think his congregation is on the forefront of people's individual liberty.

Deb Kluttz, the executive pastor at Westview Community Church, said the issue is about more than just the church's role. She said she feels some churches support societal views over biblical precepts. Furthermore, she said even therapists are becoming open to aspects of life that should not be taken so lightly.

Kluttz said she knows there are many therapists who would not see pornography as a sexual addiction.

"They would say 'You just need to get more comfortable with it; you just need to look at it together,'" Kluttz said. "There are therapists that would promote it. To me that is

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Three finalists named for K-State's new VP position

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Three candidates will be in Manhattan interviewing for the new vice president for marketing and communications position, according to a K-State Media Relations release.

The finalists are Jackie Hartman, associate professor of management at Colorado State University; Jeffery B. Morris, chief communications officer at the University of Central Missouri; and Jeanette DeDiemar, executive director of integrated marketing and communication at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

Each finalist is scheduled to visit K-State for a day and participate in an open forum session at the K-State Alumni Center. The sessions will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and will be open to all K-State faculty, students and staff. Hartman is scheduled to be on campus Tuesday, Morris on Wednesday and DeDiemar on Friday.

The search committee has asked the candidates to discuss their ideas for bringing integrated marketing to K-State, according to the release.

Virginia Moxley, dean of the College of Human Ecology and chair of the search committee, said the applicants are all familiar with K-State and have graduated from the university.

"It really speaks for the passion about our university and will help promote K-State," Moxley said.

The new position will oversee the creation of an integrated communications and marketing strategy and provide leadership for the following categories: media relations, university publications, Educational Communications Center and printing services, according to the release. Two other units are also proposed: a Web design team and a marketing research team.

Moxley said the search committee is finished with its part of the selection process other than coordinating the interviews, but it will submit a list of strengths and weaknesses to President Kirk Schulz when the interviews are over.



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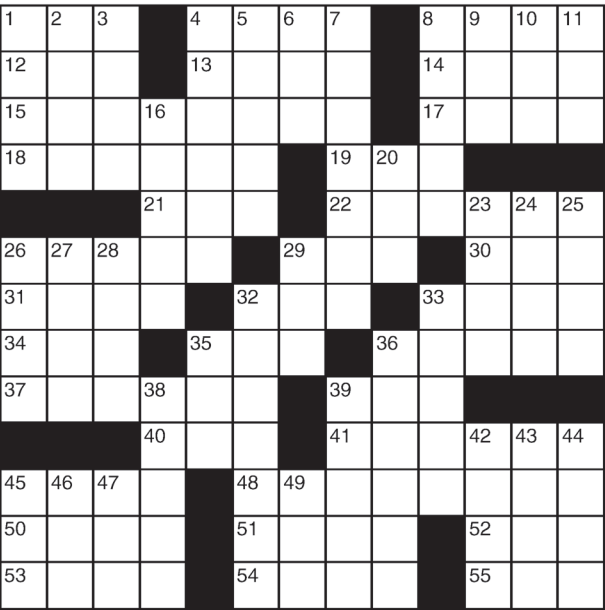
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PLACE ON THE DOOR AT THE SOLD-OUT
CARPENTRY SYMPOSIUM: "SANDING ROOM ONLY."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals R

STREET TALK

Check out **Page 1** for highlights of the top ten stories from this semester.

Q: What do you think was the most important event to happen at K-State this semester?



“ Nothing happens at K-State. ”

Tatiana Romo
Junior, entrepreneurship



“ We won against KU. ”

Yashira Matos
Freshman, elementary education



“ K-State beat KU. ”

Shane Knauss
Freshman, computer engineering



“ BSU Represent, the re-union of the BSU in Sep-tember. ”

Gabriel Lewis
Sophomore, electrical engineering

THE PLANNER

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The All You Can Eat Commencement Buffet will be from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom for \$17.95. Reserve your table at 532-6068.

Lafene Health Center will be having an H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the supply is depleted, on Monday at Lafene. The H1N1 vaccine is available for all, except pregnant women. For more details see k-state.edu/lafene.

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Adam Sparks at 11 a.m. Monday in Throckmorton Hall 2002. The thesis topic is "Disease Risk Mapping with Metamodels for Coarse Resolution Predictors."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Candace Walton at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Bluemont Hall 368. The thesis topic is "An Investigation of Academic Dishonesty Among Undergraduates at Kansas State University."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Hao Yan at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Cardwell Hall 119. The thesis topic is "Solubility Phase Transition Behavior of Gold Nanoparticles in Colloidal Solution."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Ann Sanders at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Justin Hall 254. The thesis topic is "The Goodness of Giving: An Exploration of the Effects of Having a Charitable Orientation on Perceived Wellness."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Anand Mohan at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Call Hall 140. The thesis topic is "Effects of Glycolytic and Mitochondrial Krebs' Cycle Intermediates on Myoglobin Redox Forms Stabilization."

The Graduate School announces the final oral defense of the doctoral dissertation of Josephine Boac at 3 p.m. Wednesday in Seaton

Hall 133. The thesis topic is "Handling Effects on Quality and Dust Generation in Grain and Feed, and Modeling of Grain Commingling in Bucket Elevators."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is offering education and research funding opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty. Information on the DHS Scholarship Program and the DHS HS-STEM Summer Internship Program can be found at Orau.gov/dhseducationprograms. The application date for both is Jan. 5. Questions regarding the programs can be sent via e-mail to dhsed@orau.org.

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DAILY BLOTTER

To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, kstatecollegian.com.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY

Check out **Page 1** for highlights of the top ten stories from this semester.

This semester, the Collegian has been...

- A) My newspaper of choice B) My excuse not to buy toilet paper
C) My crossword and sudoku fix D) What I use to wrap my fish

To submit your answer, visit kstatecollegian.com. Results for the question of the day will be posted in the following issue of the Collegian.

Thursday's results: Have you had a class canceled this week?

- A) Yes: 24 % B) No: 52 % C) No, but that hasn't stopped me from skipping: 24 %

This is the last regular issue of the Collegian for this semester. We will publish a Finals Guide Monday. The Collegian's new editorial board will take over and begin printing again January 14, 2010. Thanks for reading and have a great break.

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See the position announcement at www.ksre.ksu.edu/jobs and follow the application procedure.

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CITY COMMISSION

Party violations reviewed Thursday

By Corene Brisendine
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Commissioners discussed creating or modifying ordinances concerning party houses and drivers texting.

The commission advised the city to look at an ordinance the city of Columbia, Mo. created. The ordinance allows the police department to issue a citation for nuisance party. The citation allows the police to immediately disperse the party, control the nuisance and abatement process and after three nuisance party violations within a 12 month period can prosecute the property owner and cause a rental property owner to lose his rental permit.

Brice Ebert, Manhattan rental property owner, said he was willing to come together as a community to help solve the problems stemming from loud parties on private property.

Commissioner James Sherow said he thought the problem with the ordinances now was with the length of time it takes to get the nuisances under control.

“If there is a way to speed this up,” Sherow said. “The Columbian model seems to do this. So, we should be leaning in that direction.”

Capt. Tim Hegarty of the Riley County Police Department also supported an ordinance similar to Columbia’s.

“The current ordinance does not allow us to cite for disorderly house, does not allow us to cite the landlord directly,” Hegarty said.

The ordinance would allow the police to do both.

The second discussion focused on whether or not to ban cell phone use within city limits.

“The issue is people aren’t paying attention to their driving,” said Commissioner Jayme Morris-Hardeman. “We need to focus on that and not just cell phones.”

Dalton Henry, student body president, said he agreed using a cell phone while driving was dangerous, but other crimes were more important and dangerous. He suggested the city focus on those crimes and not on cell phone use.

Amy Schultz, speaker of student senate, said the Student Governing Association passed a resolution to not support a ban on cell phone devices while driving.

“Texting is just idiotic while driving,” Sherow said. “We’ve already had a death involving that.”

Strawn said the only way to change people’s behaviors was to create laws and encourage people to change. He also said that if the commission passes an ordinance, the police department should enforce it; otherwise, the commission needed to appoint someone to supervise the police to make sure they are working for the city and not themselves.

“I’m in favor of banning texting,” said Commissioner Bruce Snead. “Local action can build a cast for state level. To me it’s the right message to send.”

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Students navigate icy campus sidewalks

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Rani Chapman, freshman in open option, has slipped twice on campus since the recent snowstorm, both times near Leasure Hall – which she said is the most slippery place on campus.

With several inches of snow, K-State’s Division of Facilities has been rushing to clean up campus and make it safe for students and faculty.

“We try to focus first on the high-traffic areas of campus and work from the heart of campus out,” said Ed Rice, associate vice president of facilities.

Rice said students should be careful not just on campus but also in town because everywhere is icy. The facilities division takes care of campus, but Parking Services is responsible for parking lots and the Department of Housing and Dining Services takes care of the residence and dining halls, Rice said.

“It has been tough because all the snow we have cleared has drifted back in, and this is the most snow we’ve accumulated in a 24-hour period in a long time,” said Cheryl Martin, director of Housing and Dining Services grounds crew.

Martin said the crew tries to come in early and keep clearing and widening the sidewalks and plans to keep working through next week.

While much work has



A lonely and cold student trudges across the snow covered quad on their way to class on Tuesday afternoon.

been done, campus sidewalks are still proving treacherous for some.

“I have slipped a few times on the alley behind Leasure Hall, but luckily I’ve never fallen,” said Stephanie Gfeller, research assistant in the Department of Gerontology.

Gfeller said she tries to walk slowly and pay attention to where she is going.

“I think K-State has done a good job clear-

ing the snow for the most part; they do have a lot to deal with,” Gfeller said.

Andrew Conaway, junior in business, said he thinks the hills are the most slippery part of campus. Conaway said he has been waiting for K-State to clean up the really slick parts, but they are still icy.

Sara Wasinger, freshman in business marketing, said she thinks the ic-



Photos by Tommy Theis | COLLEGIAN
Top: A few facility workers hurry to clear the slippery snow laden walkway on the west side of the K-State Student Union.
Below: Dedicated students leave for class earlier than usual to get to class on time. The snow has significantly slowed the flow of traffic on campus.

iest area of campus is outside the K-State Student Union.

“To keep from falling I try to wear boots with traction on them, and I haven’t fallen yet,” Wasinger said.

Wet floor signs sit outside the Union to warn walkers who navigate the slick concrete walkway leading outside, and icy stairs in Bosco Student Plaza provide even more

obstacles. While many areas have been cleared, high traffic areas such as the Waters Quad and outside of Hale Library are still caked with ice.

“I think K-State has done a pretty good job with the amount of snow we’ve had and the large area they have to deal with,” said Jennifer Nemec, senior in biology. “I’m sure it is hard to keep up.”

Nutritionist: Lifestyle changes essential for weight loss

By Pauline Kennedy
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Eighty-six percent of people who develop an eating disorder said the illness was apparent by the age of 20, according to the National Association of Anorexia Nervosa and Associated Eating Disorders.

However, these types of illnesses do not always start out as eating disorders.

Dianna Schalles, Lafene Health Center nutritionist, said dieting is a gateway that can lead to an eating disorder.

“Sometimes it will start out innocently, trying to be health conscious,” she said.

Schalles said people start by eliminating certain fats from their diets. When they see success, they cut other elements of their diet

too. This combined with positive body-image feedback from others can cause a domino effect.

“It’s very complex; often times a person may not know they would be at risk for that,” she said.

With an enormous market for weight loss programs and diet supplements and a constant flow of unrealistic images in the media, quick-fix or extreme dieting can be utilized to try and obtain the perfect body image.

However, professionals stress simple and healthy lifestyle choices can be implemented into everyday routines to achieve physical fitness.

“Long term success isn’t about finding the right diet,” Schalles said. “It’s really about identifying behaviors that contribute to a person consuming more

calories or an adequate physical activity.”

Diana Hylton, senior in nutritional sciences and vice president for Sensible Nutrition and Body Image Choices, said people should incorporate physical activity into their lifestyles. She also said when it comes to food consumption, it is more important to focus on health rather than calorie counting.

“Everybody’s going to have a different requirement,” Hylton said.

Katharine Grunewald, professor of human nutrition, said if people decide to cut calories, the process should be progressive and not extreme. She also stressed the importance of a balanced diet.

“Don’t cut out any major food groups,” Grunewald said.

Web sites like the Amer-

ican Dietetic Association’s *Eatright.org* have calorie calculators that take into account height, weight and physical activity and can give a more personalized calorie intake suggestion.

Another lifestyle change that can be implemented into a diet is simple food substitutions. Schalles suggested several substitutions for everyday foods. She recommends 1 percent or skim milk in place of whole milk, plain low-fat yogurt in place of sour cream and experimenting with fat free salad dressings.

Schalles and Grunewald both warned against diets that are restrictive, which can cause deficiencies. Grunewald said diets that only include one certain item are dangerous, just as it is dangerous to starve oneself. Schalles also sug-

gested avoiding diet supplements, unless recommended by a licensed health professional.

“It’s a huge industry, and oftentimes a person’s health is not number one,” Schalles said.

There are also stresses of transitioning into and living the college life. Hylton said both healthy diet and exercise can play a role in reducing stress.

Schalles said she understands people grow tired of hearing about dieting, exercise and calories, especially those who struggle with their weight due to genetics.

“I always like to instill hope,” she said. “Improved lifestyle habits increase health and lower health risks.”

Schalles said these decisions will ultimately lead to a better quality of life.

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Leprechauns: friend or foe?



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Creatures evil, out to destroy humankind

There is a hidden menace in our country, an unfortunate side effect of immigrants coming over from Ireland many years ago.

These hopeful souls who came to America for a better way of life unknowingly brought a non-native species of creature, the likes of which we have no defense against, like zebra mussels and dozens of other pests, but far more dangerous.

The crazy thing is most people have no idea this monster is dangerous. They plaster it on products and sell its face on TV because they think it's cute.

America, be warned. Don't be fooled by the cuddly cartoon character inviting children to catch his Lucky Charms. Leprechauns are evil.

Lucky is every bit as evil as the leprechaun played by Warwick Davis in the movies. In fact, I dare say he is more evil.

Why, you might ask? He doesn't kill people outright, he doesn't chase them mercilessly on a tricycle, cackling to himself, and he has a far more pleasant voice.

The reason is because Lucky is a crafty, dishonest leprechaun. Davis' leprechaun is at least honest about his goals: He wants his gold back, and he has no problem killing you to get it. Actually, that's like a bonus for him. Evil, yes, but no surprises.

Lucky, on the other hand, is a pusher. He teases children with sugar-laden cereal, gets them hooked and turns them into fat idiots. Processed sugar is one of the biggest problems with today's society, and a huge factor in America's collective weight problems.

By using splashy, colorful graphics, catch phrases and addictive sugary marshmallows, Lucky has embarked on a mission to turn America's children into sugar junkies. Once he's got an army of addicted and loyal followers, he can begin phase two of his master plan to take over the world.

Yes, boys and girls. Don't be fooled by the cute button

nose and the too-perfect smile. Lucky is an agent of doom, and he wants you to get diabetes and die a horrible, slow, painful death.

Given a choice between Warwick Davis' leprechaun and Lucky from Lucky Charms cereal, I'll take Warwick Davis any time.

But what about other leprechauns, you say? Well, they're all evil. Maybe not as evil as clowns, but they have absolutely no regard for human life.

Just ask poor Fergus Mac Léti. Fergus was an Irish king long ago and was also the first human to encounter leprechauns. He can tell you all about what devilish, little fiends they are. Fergus was taking a nap on the beach, minding his own business, when suddenly the cold ocean water woke him up. He discovered he was being carried into the ocean by three leprechauns, who didn't care if he drowned or not.

Luckily for him, leprechauns are not terribly big, so he was able to overpower the three of them, and they offered to grant him three wishes in exchange for setting them free. Fergus wisely decided to have them grant the ability to breathe underwater, just in case the little villains got any bright ideas about tossing him into the ocean again.

I know what you're thinking: grant wishes? Wow! I heard about the gold, but they grant wishes, too? I'm going to get a leprechaun right now!

Don't. It's not worth the trouble. Whether you're dealing with a leprechaun on a murderous rampage, a leprechaun who wants to get you hooked on addictive substances or just one who wants to toss you into the nearest body of water, it's best just to leave them alone. I'd much rather eradicate them, but we probably can't spare the money from our war budget, right now.

In conclusion, if you see a leprechaun, get away from it. And watch what you eat.

Karen Ingram has been fighting the leprechaun menace since 2002. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.



KAREN INGRAM

Leprechauns are magical, magnificent

Like so many people in this great country, I like to believe I have Irish ancestry, if only for a few days. As an adopted Irishman, I am required to do some things, and I have the pleasure to do some others. I love celebrating Irish-American culture, for instance.



FRANK MALE

The Irish have produced many a good thing. They are responsible for potatoes, which can go into any meal, fiddling and Walt Disney cartoons. Presidents from Washington to Obama have claimed Irish ancestry. The greatest thing to come from Ireland, however, is certainly the leprechaun.

Leprechauns are awesome for many reasons, like their association with Ireland, the gold you can steal from them and the fact that they're lucky.

But first things first. Leprechauns are the one nonhuman creature to get their own feast day. That's right, we owe St. Patrick's Day and all of the drinking contained therein to leprechauns.

If it weren't for leprechauns, Paddy could never have rid Ireland of all the snakes. And we know if Paddy couldn't have managed that feat, then we wouldn't have an excuse to get drunk and kiss complete strangers for one day each year.

St. Paddy's Day is like Christmas for college students. The booze is free-flowing, Aggieville is hopping and the cops are too busy trying to control the crowds and making sure people don't burn everything down to check every report of underage drinking. Of course, drinking that much and leaving tips large enough that the barmaids don't forget about you in the hustle and bustle means using up wads of cash. Don't worry, though, leprechauns can help out with that, too.

Leprechauns, we all know, are loaded. Each one carries around a big pot of gold. Don't worry about how the leprechauns got it; that doesn't matter. What does matter is that it is there, at the end of each and ev-

ery rainbow, just waiting for us to steal it. Since gold is \$1,168 per ounce right now, and leprechauns have an entire pot of it, you can expect to gain quite a bit of cash if you can find a leprechaun. Who couldn't use a little extra money?

Money, we all know, isn't everything. All the money in the world doesn't mean anything if you can't get lucky. Umm ... I mean, being lucky will get you far in life. Fortunately, leprechauns are very lucky. How lucky, you ask? Lucky the Leprechaun, the most popular leprechaun in history, was so lucky he is still being chased — after more than 40 years — by children “after his lucky charms.” Those are some powerful lucky charms.

Luck means different things for different people. Maybe it means having a piano fall on one of your enemies, and maybe it means a grading program breaking down and forcing the professor to give the whole class A's. Luck is lovely, and everyone can use a little more. The Irish have lots of luck and leprechauns have distilled luck, which is even stronger.

Now, some people around here — I pity those fools — have seen the “Leprechaun” series of horror movies. The movies are slanderous. Leprechauns are everything the title character is not. They are cheerful, sometimes drunk and harmless. Can you really imagine a leprechaun crushing someone to death with a pogo stick? Absurd.

Real leprechauns are too friendly to commit acts of violence. True, they sometimes pull pranks, but who doesn't enjoy a good prank from time to time? Admit it, you couldn't get angry at a little man in a green coat. In fact, leprechauns' penchant for pulling pranks means they are a lot like college students. Clearly, leprechauns are fun-loving folks.

There you have it, ladies and gents. Leprechauns are the best faeries in the world. They bring luck, gold and drunkenness. So tip your hat and toast your Guinness to this noble race.

Frank Male is graduating tomorrow, having still never found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. Please send comments to opinion@pub.ksu.edu.

TO THE POINT

Best of Fourum

TO THE POINT is an editorial selected and debated by the editorial board and written after a majority opinion is formed. This is the Collegian's official opinion.

The editors here at the Collegian decided to change things up for the last issue. We have taken a smattering of the best Beth Mendenhall comments and given her a chance to respond. Enjoy!

Hey, Beth, should we change “Manhattan” to “Personhattan?” Thanks.

Obviously not, as there is a difference between gendered language and words including the grapheme string “m-a-n”. You're welcome.

I bet Beth Mendenhall really hates Manwich. It is not inclusive, and it's a meat product.

A gender-specific, low quality meat product? Gross.

Beth Mendenhall killed Jesus.

You got me! Doesn't that make me indirectly responsible for your access to eternal salvation? Loophole: you have to love me now.

Yeah, I don't think Beth Mendenhall is a real person.

My favorite Fourum comment of the year. Maybe I'm an android? This is a serious concern.

Beth Mendenhall, your pro-pot article brought tears to my eyes. I'm so sorry I said such nasty things to you week after week in the Fourum.

I wish I would've written it sooner. I've got to admire your commitment to insulting me, though. Maybe we should hang out instead?

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Dear slow walkers, just so you know, I'm not afraid to walk up very close and lurk creepily behind you. So speed up or get out of the way.

Fourum! Don't leave me! I love you! “Twilight” is so emo it glitters in the daylight.

What exactly does the K-State grounds get paid for? The sidewalks are covered in ice, and the roads are covered in ice. Perhaps do your job?

It's negative 12 degrees outside and B104 has the audacity to play “Summer Nights.” Really?

To the guy who wants to randomly kiss me on campus: Depends on whether you're hot.

Last Fourum of the decade; can't hold anything back.

Dear K-State facilities, nature has done a better job of clearing the walks than you ever will.

I just saw my MCC professor run six miles in the 15 degree weather. Let's see a K-State professor do that.

To all the very smart people who can't get out of their parking spots: Ha.

Dear maintenance men of Kansas State, thank you so much for getting up every morning and shoveling the sidewalks and putting ice melt down every day for three days.

Hey Beth, we looked at your

boyfriend and “super ugly” would be a better description.

I'd just like to thank everyone who spent so much of their time and effort trying to keep the sidewalks cleaned for us.

Hello, I'm sleeping outside a fraternity, and I can't have any hard alcohol to keep me warm, IFC. I hate you.

I would like to place an ad for a guy who can two-step, drive a pickup truck and drink beer. Times two.

Dear D-bag, get it straight. It's

coveralls and Kansas City Chiefs jackets.

One of my guy friends really, really likes one of my girl friends who is taken by a serious boyfriend. Would it be awkward to invite them all up to my apartment to get drunk and resolve all their differences?

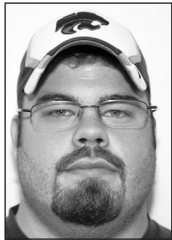
If Frank Male and Karen Ingram had a child, the doctor would say “Hell no” and shove it back inside.

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Mangino's treatment unfair

Everyone has probably heard by now that head coach Mark Mangino has resigned from the University of Kansas. After many weeks of limbo and deliberation, the university and Mangino came to a settlement or buyout that retired his eight-year term.



AARON WEISER

While many persons across the state have plenty to say about the embarrassing situation, some pick sides while they are ill-tempered and misinformed.

KU had gone 40-47 in the same number of years prior to Mangino's arrival. With six non-winning seasons in eight tries and only one bowl appearance, it was safe to say the program needed a new start.

In came Mangino, who laid a foundation for a holistically new football program. With his in-your-face attitude and a "tough-love" campaign, you can imagine a few toes were stepped on. Take into account a variety of other factors, and you have a situation built on impending doom.

Football is a game and, I quote, "not for pansies." It is a game full of physically and mentally demanding challenges on a variety of levels that encompass all ages and walks of life.

High school football has come a long way from the time of our parents and grandparents: from a time when if you just weren't good enough, you would get cut to a day where if schools don't let everyone play, the coaches could come under severe scrutiny and get fired.

The continued "babyfication" of modern society is all to blame for this epic, unfortunate truth. A parental generation that has pushed, prodded and pulled teachers and coaches alike in so many legal directions that one simply cannot just enjoy sports anymore. There is so much politicking involved that children pay the real cost by not being able to be pushed as they used to. If you aren't good enough to make the team, you will strive to get better or find something else you are good at. It is the way life works: You find the things you are good at and specialize in them to promote both your own life and society as a whole.

Mangino came in and did things for the KU football program that they both needed and accepted, while the road was hot. Once the team started going downhill the program jumped ship on Mangino like he was yesterday's potatoes.

Football programs across the nation have been dropping coaches when they can't produce bowl games at even shorter than usual periods of time. A continued tradition of not trusting and aiding in the accusations of any controversies that arise has been born.

Albeit Mangino may have "abused verbally and physically" his players, the truth of the matter is football players, especially those in college, should expect to get chewed out sometimes. It is part of the game. If you can't take it, don't play it.

If KU had won more games this year and finished above the mark of K-State, Mangino wouldn't have been forced out this year. He, the man who took them to their best season ever that concluded with an Orange Bowl victory, should have been allowed to stay on.

College football and sports in general are working toward a point where concern for safety will eventually overpower the barbaric origins of competition and physical sports and entertainment will fall on the shoulders of those who prefer that game. But I stand by the fact that Mark Mangino, despite the fact we all spent time despising him for being KU's coach, was wronged in this, and I can only hope he will recover from it in his career.

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What happens in Vegas...

Cats to face road test in Las Vegas

By Ashley Dunkak
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

In K-State's 6 p.m. game on Saturday against undefeated No. 18 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, there will be more than a couple of familiar faces.

Ironically, the coach leading the charge against the Wildcats on Saturday has a purple jersey hanging in the rafters of Bramlage Coliseum.

The Runnin' Rebels' coaching staff consists of a head coach, three assistant coaches and a director of basketball operations. All five have ties to the Sunflower State.

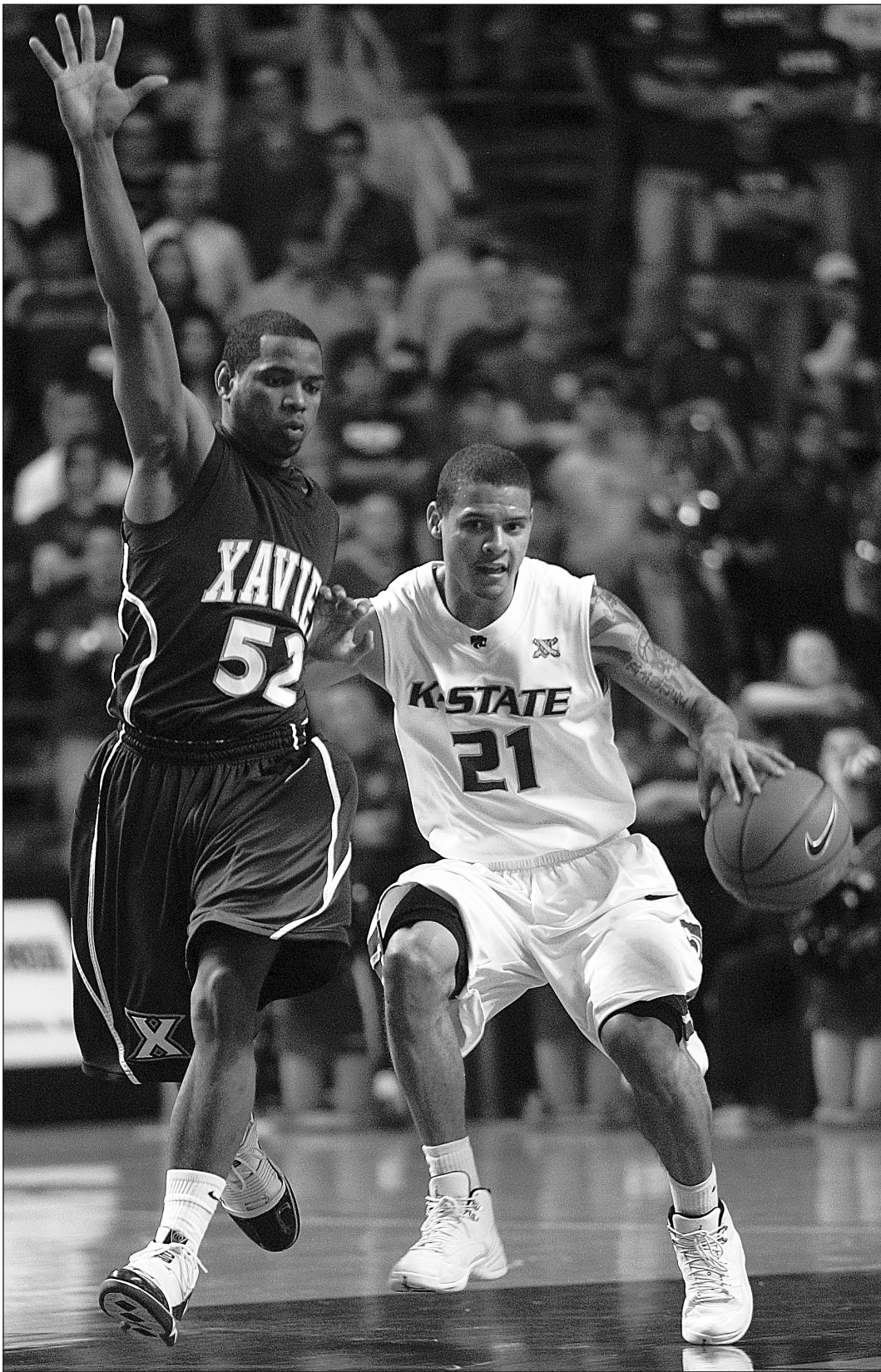
The obvious connection is head coach Lon Kruger. He played basketball at K-State and was the head coach from 1986 to 1990. His No. 12 jersey was retired in 2006. Assistant coaches Steve Henson and Greg Gensing played and coached, respectively, at K-State during the same time period as Kruger.

Assistant coach Lew Hill has no connection to K-State, but he did play at Wichita State University. Finally, director of basketball operations Mike Sheperd graduated from K-State in 1993.

While the coaches will certainly try to make their presence felt in a game, the results come from what the players do with their coaches' instructions.

Junior guard Tre'Von Willis is UNLV's leading scorer, averaging 17 points per game. With a free throw percentage of 91.4, Willis is one the Wildcats must defend very carefully. If they play him too loosely, he will score, but if they rough him up, he can make them pay from the foul line as well.

Sophomore guard Oscar Bellfield is second in scoring on the team, and the one to watch out for behind the arc is junior guard Kendall Wallace, who is shooting 44 percent from 3-point range. For K-State, junior guard Jacob Pullen, senior guard Denis Clemente and most recently freshman guard Martavious Irving have been key on the



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Senior guard **Denis Clemente** dribbles the ball up the court, evading Xavier guard, **Terrell Holloway** during K-State's 71-56 win over the Musketeers.

offensive end.

K-State will look to junior forwards Dominique Sutton and Curtis Kelly, as well as sophomore forward Jamar Samuels, for power scoring in the paint, but Pullen and Clemente will likely have to hit some early outside shots to keep the defense honest.

On the boards, K-State's forwards will have to contend with junior guard Derrick Jas-

per and sophomore forward Chace Stanbeck. Jasper has 27 rebounds on the season, and all but one have come on the defensive end, so the Wildcats will need to keep him boxed out in the paint to get second-chance shots.

K-State will need to find a way to win without the home court advantage it's enjoyed for the team's last four games. This will be the Wild-

cats' first game in an opponent's hometown this season, and the game at Orleans Arena is already sold out. Their only road games to this point have taken place in the Puerto Rico Tip-Off.

Playing their first ranked team since then-No. 18 Dayton in that same tournament, the Wildcats should get a taste of how good their 8-1 record really is.

Wildcats will meet Saturday in Bramlage

By Sam Nearhood
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN



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Freshman guard **Brittany Chambers** shoots a jumper against Missouri State.

For the first time in the recorded history of K-State women's basketball, the purple and white Wildcats will face the purple and white Wildcats in Bramlage Coliseum.

The K-State Wildcats (4-4) are scheduled to play host to the Northwestern University Wildcats (6-2) in between a pair of tournaments.

The teams have played each other four times since 1983, both winning two games. In the last game, which was last season, Northwestern lost at home by five points to K-State.

Northwestern and K-State will face off with talented athletes on each side.

K-State has two players who have scored more than 100 points this season and own double-digit scoring averages.

Senior forward Ashley Sweat

leads the team in scoring with 155 points for a .515 shooting percentage, earning her fourth place in the Big 12 Conference for points per game with 19.4. Sweat is also at the top of the team leader board for rebounds and free-throw percentage. Close behind her is freshman guard Brittany Chambers, who stands at 106 points with team-highs in shooting percentage and 3-pointers made. Both Sweat and Chambers have multiple rankings in the Big 12.

For the opposing team, junior center Amy Jaeschke will be Sweat's biggest rival. Jaeschke has recorded 121 points, and her 4.3 blocks per game rank fourth nationally. At guard, senior Kristin Cartwright has tallied nine steals, a handful of blocks, Northwestern's lone foul-out and is shooting nearly perfect from the free-throw line. Also expected to be a significant player is sophomore forward Brittany Orban, who has moved into

second for points scored and third for assists.

Looking at team statistics, the numbers heavily favor K-State. For most totals, including field goal percentage, 3-point percentage, steals and points scored, K-State outranks Northwestern. The only major deficit against K-State lies in rebounds, where Northwestern's 347 total rebounds vastly overshadow the 281 from K-State.

Both teams are meeting after earning wins in different contests. K-State recently claimed the Commerce Bank Wildcat Classic for the fourth time in a row after a late comeback against Missouri State in the championship game. Northwestern is leaving home after narrowly clinching a victory over Purdue by two points Sunday night.

Tipoff is set for 2 p.m. on Sunday in Bramlage Coliseum. K-State will head to Las Vegas after finals for the Duel in the Desert, with its first game against Hawaii.

Indoor track and field season opens today

By Danny Davis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The K-State track and field team opens its indoor season today. Over the course of the weekend, the Wildcats will play host to two meets.

Coach Cliff Rovelto said there are scheduled to be more than 400 competitors combined at the meets.

"In general, it's a low-key meet," Rovelto said of the team's first action, the Carol Robinson Winter Pentathlon. "We've done

virtually no competition work in practice."

The Wildcats are young, he said. Some of the members are competing in events they previously have not competed in.

"I think eventually we'll be very good, but right now we're just young kids," Rovelto said. "It's going to take awhile."

The team has few upperclassmen and many newcomers, who have adapted well, he said. He said he hopes the few seniors will relay the competition experience to new members.

"Beverly Ramos, for example, has had a lot of success at the national level, and she's been around a few years, so she can help," Rovelto said.

He said there are many young athletes on the teams who are not strong enough currently to be major contributors.

However, Rovelto said he feels they will do fine.

"They've got ability, but we'll just have to see as it gets into the season," Rovelto said.

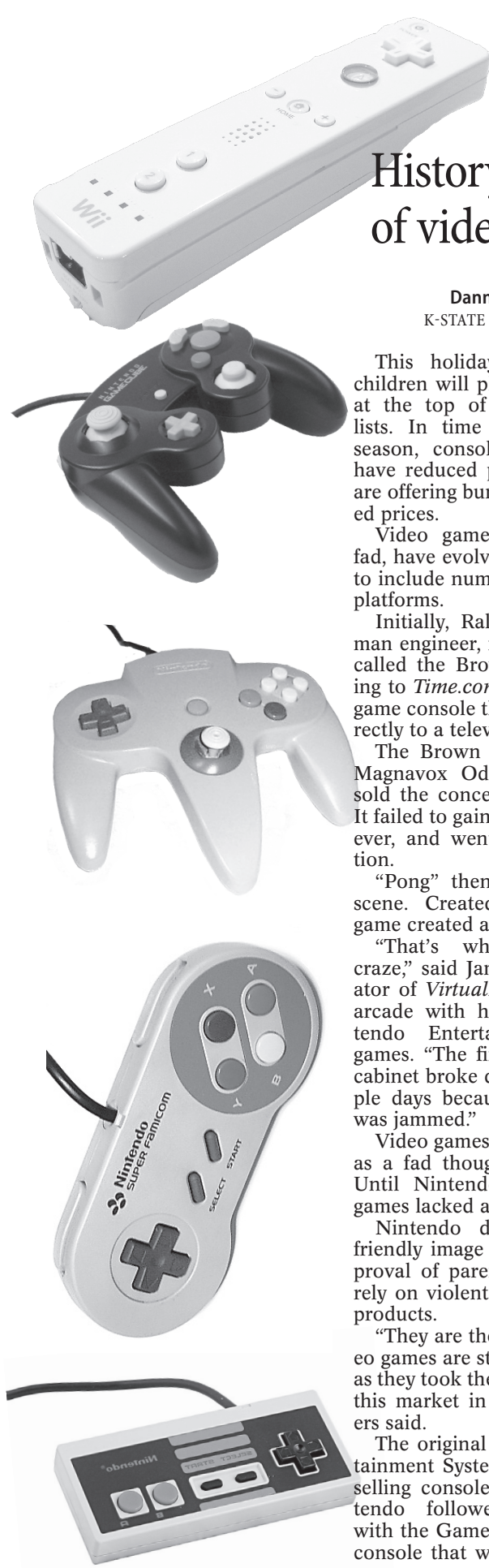
Boglarka Bozzay returns this year for the women's team. In

the 2009 indoor season, she placed third for the 800-meter in the Big 12 Conference Championship.

Cole Zenisek returns for the men's team as a thrower. At the Big 12 Championship for the 2009 indoor season, he placed eighth in the weight throw.

The pentathlon is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. today. The Wildcats' second event, the K-State All-Corners meet, is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday. Both meets will take place at Ahearn Gymnasium.

THE EDGE



Game on

History, transformations, trends of video games over past 40 years

Danny Davis
K-STATE COLLEGIAN

This holiday season, many children will place video games at the top of their Christmas lists. In time for the holiday season, console manufacturers have reduced prices and stores are offering bundles at discounted prices.

Video games, a 40-year-old fad, have evolved over the years to include numerous genres and platforms.

Initially, Ralph Baer, a German engineer, invented what he called the Brown Box, according to *Time.com*. It was the first game console that connected directly to a television.

The Brown Box became the Magnavox Odyssey after Baer sold the concept to Magnavox. It failed to gain popularity, however, and went out of production.

"Pong" then came onto the scene. Created by Atari, the game created a phenomenon.

"That's what started the craze," said Jamie Sanders, creator of *VirtualNES.com*, a Web arcade with hundreds of Nintendo Entertainment System games. "The first 'Pong' arcade cabinet broke down after a couple days because the coin slot was jammed."

Video games were still viewed as a fad though, Sanders said. Until Nintendo arrived, video games lacked an identity.

Nintendo donned a child-friendly image and won the approval of parents as it did not rely on violent games to sell its products.

"They are the reason that video games are still popular today, as they took the risk to revitalize this market in America," Sanders said.

The original Nintendo Entertainment System was the No. 1 selling console in history. Nintendo followed the console with the Game Boy, a handheld console that was the first of its

kind.

It was Nintendo that introduced the world to Mario and company, who live on in sequels.

In the early 90s, the PC earned a role as a gaming system with the introduction of first-person shooters such as *Doom* and *Quake*, according to *IGN.com*. Realtime strategy games like "Command and Conquer" formed another genre for the PC gaming market.

First-person shooters became the target for blame in society for causing violence. The most notable instance of this was the Columbine High School shooting.

Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, the shooters, were reportedly addicted to "Doom," according to *BBCNews.com*.

With the introduction of the Nintendo Wii, a whole new genre has spawned. Diet and exercise games, as well as motion-controlled sports games, have become popular among both adults and children.

Sanders said he thinks the industry is shifting away from traditional controllers and the console makers seem highly interested in motion control.

But even in the future of gaming, he said he feels the history of gaming and the games that started it all should be remembered.

"Vintage games, like vintage movies, should be preserved," Sanders said. "They will always be loved."

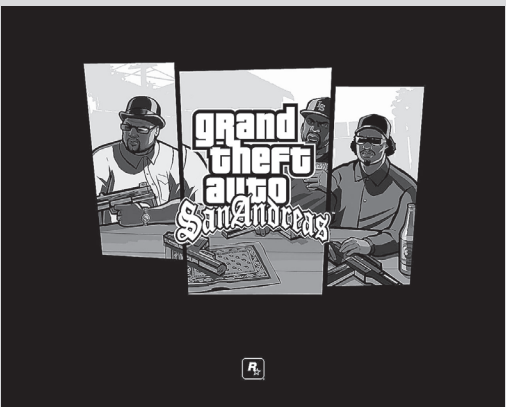


COURTESY PHOTOS

Top ten best selling video games of all time worldwide

Video games have been a major source of income for the entertainment industry, sometimes even earning more money than box office hits the first weekends they are released, according to *Newsweek.com*. Here are the ten bestselling video games of all time, according to the site.

-*Newsweek.com* -Compiled by Elena Buckner



"GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS"

Sales: \$379 million
Games sold: 9.4 million
Developer: Rockstar Games

"GRAND THEFT AUTO: VICE CITY"

Sales: \$310 million
Games sold: 7.3 million
Developer: Rockstar Games

"HALO II"


Sales: \$264 million
Games sold: 6.61 million
Developer: Edelman

"CALL OF DUTY 4: MODERN WARFARE"

Sales: \$320 million
Games sold: 6.3 million
Developer: Activision

"GRAND THEFT AUTO III"

Sales: not available
Games sold: 6.2 million
Developer: Rockstar Games



"GUITAR HERO III: LEGENDS OF ROCK"

Sales: \$690 million
Games sold: 8.2 million
Developer: Activision

"GRAND THEFT AUTO IV"

Sales: not available
Games sold: 8.5 million
Developer: Rockstar Games

"MADDEN NFL 06"

Sales: \$294 million
Games sold: 6.65 million
Developer: EA Sports

"MADDEN NFL 07"

Sales: \$347 million
Games sold: 7.7 million
Developer: EA Sports

"MADDEN NFL 08"

Sales: not available
Games sold: 6.6 million
Developer: EA Sports

Games provide equal fun for bystanders

As a young girl, I remember visiting my dad's apartment for the weekend with my brother and sister and wondering what exactly we were going to do with our time in his sparsely furnished bachelor pad. As time went on and the weekends became more routine, the answer became an easy one: play video games.



ELENA BUCKNER

That was 10 years ago, making my brother only five years old, so we did not play anything along the lines of today's "Assassin's Creed," "Modern Warfare," "Call of Duty," "Halo" or "Grand Theft Auto." We focused more on games like "FIFA 2000," "Madden NFL 99," "Tiger Woods 99" and a random car racing game.

We only had two controllers, so the four of us would pair up and take turns, or two of us would simply opt not to play certain games. I was almost always the first to opt out of a game. Although video games are said to improve hand/eye coordination, I did not have even the basic skills necessary to make me adept enough to play at all, let alone learn and improve.

The only game I played on a somewhat consistent basis was the racing one, which ended up becoming the game that caused me not to want to play video games ever again. When playing, I moved my entire body with the controller. If the car needed to make a turn to the right, my whole body leaned to the right. And my "leans" were no slight head tilts. Instead, my little 10-year-old shoulders near-

ly touched the ground when I leaned.

My dad and brother always teased me for the way I used my whole body to race, even though it was obviously not helpful because I still always lost the race. "Elena, use your controller, not your body to move the car," they said, adding "It just makes it harder for you if you have to lay on your side to play the game."

After a few weeks of teasing, I decided it was actually more fun to watch other people than to play the games myself. Over the years, however, I have come to regret that decision, if only slightly.

I have lost out on experiences of going head-to-head with a 350-pound linebacker or killing more people than live in my suburban neighborhood. I have never played a perfect 18-holes in a PGA event; I have never even reached "Pro" level on Wii.

Just because I have not actually played the games, however, does not mean I have not experienced the laughter and bonding the rest of my family enjoys while they play video games. When we eventually bought more controllers, I learned how to use the extra one to trash talk everyone on "Tiger Woods 99." I've taken excellent pictures of my siblings doing battle on "Donkey Konga," and I love snuggling on a couch with my dad and brother while they compete against each other on "Golden Eye 007."

Video games do not have to bring fun and entertainment only to the players. Being a dedicated audience member can be just as exhilarating as playing the game myself.

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kind of brainwashing, trying to change their belief about these things, and I just think there is a place inside that this does not feel right.”

FIGHTING FOR A MORE WELCOMING FUTURE

As a small, conservative city in the Bible Belt, Manhattan might be slower to expand the rights of gay citizens like other cities, but there are people out to change that.

Dusty Garner, senior in political science, has made it a personal mission to be a leader in the local gay community, which lacked unification a few years ago. Being from the town of Douglas, Kan., Garner said he knows all too well the stigmas of being homosexual in the Bible Belt.

“The big turning point for me in high school was when I started owning it instead of denying it to everybody,” Garner said. “When people saw that I took pride in myself, then they started respecting me more.”

Garner said he has been advocating for gay rights since high school and even had to fight to get his diploma in Kansas. Garner said many in the community felt being a homosexual meant one could not be morally upstanding and started a petition to stop him from graduating. The petition was sent to the school board because in 1994 the school’s diploma had the phrase: “received the education necessary to be a morally upstanding citizen of the state of Kansas.”

The school board rejected the petition, and Garner graduated with his peers.

Garner credits much of his strength to his family’s support through the years – most notably his mom. He said his family is not very religious, but his step-grandmother did take some time to send him a letter once his mother announced Garner was gay.

“She sent me a list of Bible verses she had documented that said I was going to hell,” Garner said, laughing. “I’m not much of a shrinking violet so I very promptly took a Polaroid photo of my baptismal Bible, sent it back to her and said, ‘Thanks, but I have my own.’”

Garner said many people in rural towns struggle to come out because they do not have the ability to see other people who identify as LGBTQI living fulfilled lives.

ONE BOOK, MANY VIEWS

“I suppose part of it is human nature,” Cormack said. “We are better at building fences than getting rid of them. There’s

something about human nature that even though we know it’s not supposed to be that way, even though the scripture says it shouldn’t be that way, we just like to feel like we’re a little better, but that means someone has to be a little worse.”

Cormack said people tend to stigmatize groups that are different.

On the opposite side of town, and this debate, Kluttz said she stands by her belief homosexuality is stated in the Bible as wrong and feels society is driving the notion that homosexuality is natural.

“You’ve got some churches that are embracing the beliefs of society, which are anti-biblical in a number of cases, and the embracing of homosexuality is one of them,” Kluttz said.

Westview Community Church is not one of them,

“Then you have churches in town like ours that are saying ‘No, that is not natural, not normal, that is not even God’s design for an individual or for a family,’ and we would stand in opposition to that normalization,” she said.

Kluttz said the distinction is very important to Westview Community Church and was an area it would not bend on.

As a nonreligious leader, Garner said he believes religious texts have good morals, meanings and intentions, but have a long-lasting effect when they are used against somebody to hurt them. He acknowledged there is a large LGBTQI community in churches, but in general the LGBTQI community, especially in the United States, has turned its back on religion because of negative experiences.

Joyce Baptist, assistant professor in marriage and family therapy, agreed Christianity can be used to make people feel debased, but she did not agree with that premise. She said one of the reasons she left her home country of Malaysia to attend a Catholic university in the United States was to find out what the Church taught about gay and lesbian sexual orientation.

Baptist attended Catholic schools her entire life in Malaysia and said the schools and country are very conservative in their religious beliefs.

“I struggled with that, because I believe God loves and accepts everybody, so discrediting the gay and lesbian community was something I really struggled with,” Baptist said. “As a Christian this is my belief, and everyone interprets their faith differently. My rule as an instrument of Christ is to love and that means to accept.”

Operation Santa provides toys

By Jenny Whalen
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Elves dressed in their army greens are hard at work in Santa’s Workshop, emptying boxes and filling shelves with toys.

This is not just any workshop, but rather the headquarters for Operation Santa Claus, a 20-year-old program that helps military families struggling financially to provide gifts for their children at Christmas.

Taking the Santa hat this year is Sgt. Maj. Randy Bailey, who has been in the army for 22 years. He said he feels helping with Operation Santa is a good way to give back to the community.

“I love to see the smiles on everyone’s faces,” he said. “It’s a great time to give. So many kids are separated from their mothers and fathers. Units are pushing out the gates during Christmastime and shortly after so Dec. 25 is hopefully a special day for Fort Riley,” Bailey said.

Located in Building 261 at Fort Riley, the workshop opens every year in late fall to accept money and toy donations.

Parents are encouraged to come in and select two items for each of their children. The gifts this year, however, will not be wrapped as they had been in previous years so parents can choose more specific gifts.

“This helps parents take some ownership for what their child receives for Christmas,” said Denise Ott, president of the Officer and Civilian Spouses Club. She said volunteers are available upon request to help families pick out gifts and wrap presents.

The shelves in the workshop are filled with something for children of every age from LEGOs and board games to CD players, scooters and dolls. Piles of boxes donated from surrounding businesses are waiting to be opened.

Bailey said last year Operation Santa helped more than 300 families provide presents for their children.

He said the support from the community has been “remarkable” and the workshop has received donations from businesses all over the Flint Hills area and even some in Topeka.

The workshop has two vans available to pick up toy donations, and monetary donations can be mailed to the office year round.

Drop boxes are set up at locations like 1st Brigade and 4th Brigade Headquarters,

Fort Riley’s Post Exchange, Credit Union 1 of Kansas, Irwin Army Community Hospital, The Dollar Tree in Manhattan and Wal-Mart stores in Junction City and Manhattan.

To volunteer or ask questions about donations call Bailey at 785-239-6944 or email at rile.santa@conus.army.mil.

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Kinesiology class presents study on campus ‘bikeability’

By Tyler Sharp
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Establishing a culture of biking on campus and in Manhattan was the theme of a presentation yesterday in the K-State Student Union.

“Wildcats on Wheels: Biking Issues on Campus,” was presented by students from Advanced Public Health Physical Activity, a master’s level kinesiology course. Each semester students engage in a research project chosen at the discretion of the professor.

Melissa Bopp, assistant professor of kinesiology, said the topic choice was partially prompted by results of the previous year’s study of “bikeability” in Manhattan.

“A lot of things came up and that really pointed at campus and that our campus was lacking in several things,” she said. “I had recently heard stories from colleagues around the country of how good their campuses were at promoting cycling. I said, ‘Why don’t we take a chance right now and see what we can do working at our campus on bikeability issues?’”

The recommendations included an examination of health and physical activity in Riley County. High rates of physical inactivity characterize the county. Less than 50 percent of county residents get the recommended amount of physical activity, while 11 percent get no physical activity at all. The percentage of county residents who are noted as overweight or obese is 49 percent. Structuring the built environment, essentially a cityscape, to be supportive of physical activity was one goal of the community level approaches. That angle of the study was most appealing to Gina Besenyi, graduate student in public health.

“My thesis is actually going to be focusing a little bit more on built environment issues,” she said. “So I really saw this as something, the engineering part specifically, as being a little bit more with the built environment encouraging physical activity.”

The areas of focus of the study were: engineering, encouragement, eval-

uation and planning, education and enforcement.

Some of the issues in engineering noted was while bike racks were available around campus, they were not currently meeting needs. Additionally, the existing bike lane network is not connected. Recommendations included adding bike racks and using the parking garage for bike parking.

Other notable recommendations from the study included: easing online bicycle registration, incorporating a bicycle education component to freshman orientation, offering financial incentives to students biking to campus through raffles for discounted bike supplies, increasing enforcement of existing rules and regulations and a campus bike master plan. Ben Champion, director of sustainability, said it was impressive how the class was able to build on past work by Bopp’s classes.

“This is probably the first proposal level piece that I have seen come out of student efforts,” Champion said. “So that’s really encouraging.”

Salvation Army pays bell ringers when short on volunteers

By Tiffany Roney
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

They stand. They ring. Rain, sleet or snow, they will not go home. They are the Salvation Army bell ringers.

“The cold’s not fun, but it’s worth it just because of knowing that you’re helping someone,” said Elizabeth Renteria, sophomore in social work, who has served as a bell-ringer with her church.

Some bell ringers are volunteers, but others get paid. Theresa Meyer, corps officer of Salvation Army, said the nonprofit organization pays only the bell-ringers it needs to pay.

Meyer said since Salvation Army must take out money from donations to cover the salaries of its paid bell-ringers, the organization would prefer to have only vol-

unteers, but it does not have enough volunteers to cover all of the locations.

When passers-by drop coins in a bell-ringer’s basket, the money goes toward several endeavors – from allowing low-income parents to buy toys for their children’s Christmas presents to helping pay the bills of those who cannot afford utilities or rent.

Also, a portion of the money raised by bell-ringers is budgeted out to fund Salvation Army throughout the year, Meyer said.

“Maybe if students have a little extra, they can help those who don’t, because some families are really struggling throughout the year and especially in the winter months and during Christmas,” she said. “It helps our community; it helps those who are in need.”

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Brownback said the relocation of the lab, along with the construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, would provide an anchor for industry to expand in the region.

“Kansas is quickly becoming the epicenter of animal health research for the United States and the world,” he said.

AUG. 31 — FLIGHT TO DALLAS LINKS K-STATERS TOGETHER

Flights between the Manhattan Regional Airport and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport began Aug. 25 through American Eagle Airlines, an affiliate of American Airlines. Leaders from Manhattan, K-State and the state of Kansas flew to Dallas on Aug. 28 to celebrate the connection.

While in Dallas, President Kirk Schulz and Athletic Director John Currie spoke at an alumni event, and Schulz announced the creation of and search for a new vice president for marketing and communications.

Dennis Kuhlman, dean of the College of Technology and Aviation at K-State at Salina, said the college, which is involved with all the major airlines, has a special relationship with American Eagle.

SEPT. 1 — WARREN THEATRES BACKS OUT OF DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Warren Theatres pulled out of the south-end redevelopment project, leaving a 50,000-square-foot void in the area, according to an early August press release from the city. The company had proposed a luxury movie theater, but owner Bill Warren said the company made a recent decision to keep Warren Theatres out of cities with a metro area of less than 500,000 people. Instead, a college city in another state had been selected.

Jason Hilgers, assistant city manager, said the city would have to find a tenant to fit with state and local regulations.

OCT. 1 — FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS TO ADDRESS CAMPUS REPAIRS

For the 2009 fiscal year, K-State received \$2.3 million in Federal Stimulus funds, awarded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, to support infrastructure projects. The first project slated to start is replacing the 80-year-old steam pipes located in the southwest corner of campus.

The project to fix piping that stretches from the power plant to the K-State Student Union and Memorial Stadium could start as early as spring 2010.

K-State faces more than \$1 billion worth of deferred maintenance projects, according to a 2007 conditions survey conducted by the university.

NOV. 13 — K-STATE BREAKS GROUND AT OLATHE CAMPUS

At the groundbreaking for the K-State Olathe Innovation Campus, President



Kirk Schulz said the campus would create a permanent presence in Olathe, Kan.

The first building for the new campus is scheduled to be the National Institute for Animal Health and Food Safety, which is the first step in highlighting K-State’s presence in the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor. This region stretching from Manhattan to Columbia, Mo., is the location for the largest amount of animal health-related industries in the nation, according to *Bovinevetonline.com*.

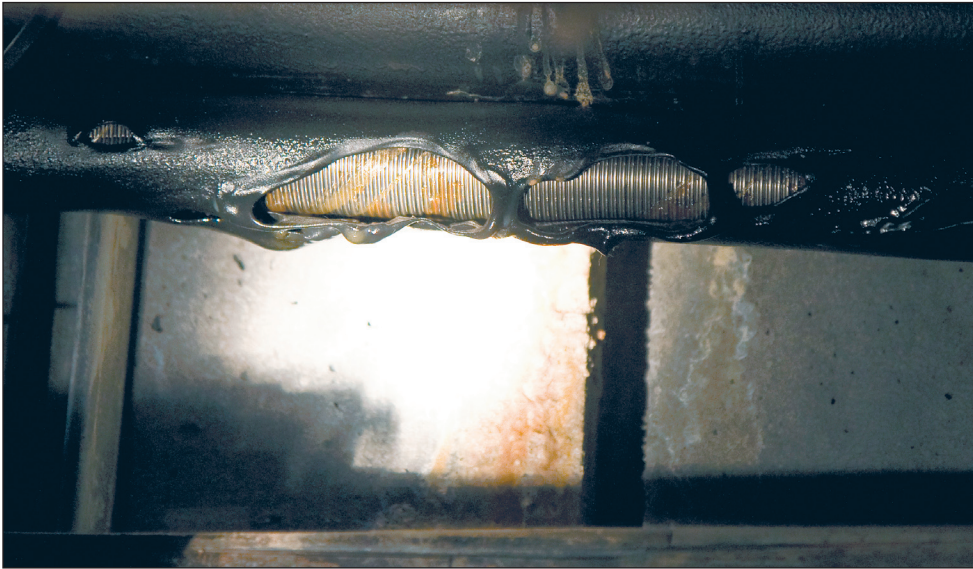
DEC. 1 — K-STATE’S PARKING GARAGE NEARS COMPLETION

As the skywalk of K-State’s parking garage is almost completed, the project has saved about \$2 million from the \$17-million estimate, despite slow progress.

Darwin Abbott, director of Parking Services, said the reason the completion date has been pushed back several times is weather-related delays. The garage has yet to be completed, but Abbott said the garage would be done in December.

According to a Sept. 3 Collegian article, Gary Leitnaker, assistant vice president of the Division of Human Resources, said officials were planning to have the elevator and skywalk complete by the first week in October.

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Top: The skywalk from the parking garage to the K-State Student Union is one of the last elements of the parking garage to be completed.
Above: Not long after Hale Library was constructed, a steam leak caused the coating to this telecommunications line to melt away. This is one of several items on the deferred maintenance list.

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The Little Apple gearing up for New Year’s Eve festivities

By Karen Ingram
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

More than 10,000 people are expected to flood the Aggieville area for this year’s “Little Apple New Year’s Eve” event on Dec. 31.

“We’re expanding a lot on what we’ve already done in the past,” said Steve Levin, chair and co-founder of Manhattan Festivals. Manhattan Festivals is a nonprofit organization that helps organize and bring

events to the Manhattan community.

One of the biggest changes this year will be the fireworks show, which will be set off from the rooftops of Aggieville buildings instead of in City Park, , to give people a better view, Levin said. There will also be large screens set up around Aggieville for the laser light show and to help people watch events more clearly, like the live music and the ball drop. The ball drop at midnight will be done by honored guest K-State President Kirk

Schulz, Levin said.

The Union Program Council helped sponsor this event by getting the local band The Four, which is a classic rock group out of the Kansas City area, said Courtney Smith, senior in marketing and UPC music co-chair. The Four is slated to begin playing at 10:30 p.m.

Other sponsors include John Murdock Manhattan and Hy-Vee, who helped pay for the fireworks. Levin said Manhattan Festivals was still looking for more spon-

sors to help pay for the event.

“The more money we can raise, the bigger and better we can make this event,” Levin said. “Nobody gets paid; it’s all done by volunteers.”

Levin also said it was important for people to come early if they wanted to find a parking spot and to get a good view in Aggieville. He said the Riley County Police Department will try to limit the number of people on Moro Street for safety reasons.

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Graduation Guide

Graduation schedule, locations

GRADUATE SCHOOL

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 1 p.m. on Dec. 11
Speaker: University President Kirk Schulz

Dean Carol Shanklin said Schulz was chosen because of his demonstrated support of graduate education both at K-State and in his previous position at Mississippi State University. She said his career exemplifies the importance graduate education plays in people's success.

K-STATE AT SALINA

Where: Student Life Center on Salina campus
When: 7 p.m. on Dec. 11
Speaker: Former Kansas Senator U.L. "Rip" Gooch

David Delker, associate dean of academics, said Gooch is a long-time aviator in the state of Kansas with a history of supporting K-State and the Salina campus, in particular.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 9 a.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: Brian Spooner, interim dean of the college

Shirley Olson, assistant to the dean, said Spooner was chosen because he is dean of the college and a University Distinguished Professor in biology.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Where: McCain Auditorium
When: 9 a.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: Bronwyn Fees, associate professor of family studies and human services

Dean Virginia Moxley said in an e-mail that Fees chaired the College of Human Ecology Faculty Council last year and is an accomplished scholar of human development and a talented speaker.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: Kansas Rep. Tom Hawk, D-Manhattan

Dean Michael Holen said Hawk spent 25 years in administration in the local school system and has helped K-State develop a strong relationship with those schools. He also said Hawk, who is now in his third term as a state representative, has been a strong advocate for education in the legislature.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 12 p.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: David Dreiling, founder and CEO of GTM Sportswear

Melanie Hortan, administrative assistant to the dean, said in an e-mail that Dreiling is a distinguished alumnus from the college and a successful local entrepreneur who is dedicated to encouraging young entrepreneurs, as well as giving back to the college, to K-State and to the Manhattan community.

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: David Krishock, Baker's National Education

Foundation Instructor in K-State's department of grain science and industry. Dorothy Doan, administrative assistant to the dean, said Krishock won the Commerce Bank Teaching Award this year and the college usually tries to get those award winners to speak to its graduates.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Where: Bramlage Coliseum
When: 3 p.m. on Dec. 12
Speaker: Richard Hayter, former associate dean of the college

Dean John English said Hayter was a member of the faculty for years and a national leader in many professional societies, so he was invited back to give a charge to the graduating seniors.

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Virtual Commencement Ceremony
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K-State officials expect graduate placement rates to decrease slightly

By Melissa Short
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A survey run by K-State found that 92 percent of graduates either find work or enter graduate school within about three months of graduating, and 43 percent of these graduates have a job at graduation.

"Since the survey is self-reported, there is always a chance that someone is not comfortable sharing their situation, but I think the numbers are pretty accurate," said Kerri Keller, director of Career and Employment Services. Keller said about 83 percent of 2007 December, May and August graduates participated in the survey and were contacted online and by a phone campaign.

According to the 2007 survey, about 2 percent of recent grads are occupied with noncareer activities, such as travel or military service.

Andrew Wessel, senior in business administration, has already been sworn into the Air Force and said he hopes to go to flight school after graduation.

Wessel has participated in the Air Force ROTC program at K-State, attended field training and taken multiple Air Force tests to be considered for a pilot position. He said it depends what job he gets whether he will ever get a job in a business-related field.

"I am definitely glad that I have a guaranteed job after school for at least the next four years," Wessel said.

With economic troubles, Pat Bosco, vice president of student life, said he expects the number of students moving to jobs or professional school to drop slightly in coming years. He said there will probably be a modest decline in some areas that is hopefully temporary, yet still higher than other school's decreases in the same area.

For students to stay competitive, they should broaden their undergraduate experience to include internships and extracurricular leadership activities, Bosco said.

"Students need to address employer concerns about the diversity of their employees, and they need to broaden their net as it relates to considering jobs outside their geographic area," he said.

Many graduates find having work-related experience helps them make connections with potential employers.

Candice Lacey, spring 2008 graduate with a degree in secondary education, teaches at the school



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

2008 graduates look through programs during their graduation ceremony in McCain auditorium. Due to economic circumstances employment rates for graduates have declined.

where she was assigned to student-teach during her last semester at K-State. She said experience helped her get the job.

"I felt really lucky to find a job before graduation with the way the economy is," Lacey said. "I knew that with my math focus I would be able to get a job. I just didn't know where."

Keller said ability to work on a team, a sense of leadership and good communication skills are some of the qualities she sees in graduates who find jobs quickly after graduation.

"I think K-State students have held their own quite well in this state of jobless economic recovery, as some call it," Keller said. "I think

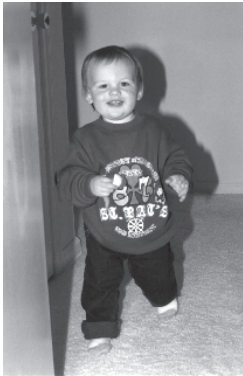
students take advantage of internships and get relevant work experience that is very important, and they may not have quite the same circumstances as others might be dealing with in the recession."

She said K-State is aware that next year there will be some underemployment in graduates, but this is consistent with the job market. However, Bosco said K-State students have an advantage.

"Our high rate of job and professional school placement reflects the quality of the teachers and K-State's academic programs," he said. "We do what we can to reflect what the employer wants, and I think the reputation of our graduates speaks for itself."



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K-State Career and Employment Services assistant director advises December graduates on new jobs, office decorum

Nervous about your first day of work or whether or not you will get along with your co-workers?

Or maybe you haven't found a job yet and are still in the job-seeking process. Assistant Director of K-State's Career and Employment Services, Joy Whitney, gives insight on various topics regarding office etiquette and effective techniques in job-seeking.

1. What's the best way for me to negotiate my salary?

The best way to get a starting range for salary negotiation is to do some research. Compare the average salaries of K-State students in your college and major. Review Web resources and potentially Department of Labor stats to get an idea of what would be appropriate. A good rule of thumb is to determine what is your bare minimum and then add a 5-7K range to that. I wouldn't go above 10K. Also, don't forget to include cost of living in your calculations. Know that some employers just simply cannot negotiate. But maybe they have flexibility on other items such as vacation time, insurance, benefits, etc. Feel free to schedule an appointment at CES to meet with an assistant director to talk about this challenging portion of the job search. Also, more resources can be found on our website.

2. What's your advice for avoiding office politics but still being friendly and professional on a first job?

Make sure and keep your personal life (and its drama) at home. Give everyone at work a chance, no matter what you may hear about them from coworkers. Don't gossip, go to lunch with a variety of people, know people at all levels of the company and be kind. Be willing to volunteer for tasks, and be hardworking. Stay out of office politics, and you will go further.

3. What's your advice for overcoming the anxious/nervous feeling on the first day of work?

Know beforehand what the commute will look like, where you will park, etc. Make sure and get plenty of sleep the night before you start a new job, and plan in advance what you are going to wear. These may seem like simple ideas, but they can really help you have a smooth first morning at a new job. Also, don't plan on setting up your entire office (cube) in one day; take it in stages. And know that your Internet, phone, e-mail and voicemail may not work perfectly for a little while. Plan on getting to know people and getting familiar with your surroundings those first few days.

4. What's your advice on the best ways/ places to look for a job?

Network. Utilize faculty connections, LinkedIn, professional organizations or Chamber of Commerce sites to find out who is in the field you are interested in, where these companies are located and how you can meet people in the industry. Make sure that you have set up your "My CES" account, and check out Web resources like www.indeed.com or check out the CES Web site k-state.edu/ces/students/fulltimeemployment.htm. Also, make plans to attend career fairs and to meet with an assistant director at CES for more ideas on how to effectively complete a job search.

5. What's the best way to get my foot in the door at a company?

An internship is a great way to get started. Also, try researching the company and seeing if you can find someone who is willing to sit down with you for an "informational interview." Take this person to lunch, pick their brain, find out how they got started in the company and what ideas or suggestions they might have for you. Also, try to find out if any K-State students are currently working there and try to build some alumni connections.

6. What's your advice about Internet, phone and e-mail use at work?

If it is personal Internet, phone or e-mail use at work, I would say DON'T DO IT. It is company property, and even on your lunch break, they might not be okay with it. Just know that even if you aren't aware of it, they are most likely tracking every Web site you visit. You will be okay without getting constant status message updates from all your friends, I promise.

7. Since my first job out of college may not be my dream job, what are your suggestions for conducting a job search while employed?

Never search for a new job while at your current employer – complete your job search on your own time and utilizing your resources. If you are in a professional position, I would encourage you to at least try and stay a year in the new job. Feel free to come by CES to make an appointment (or drop by our Walk in Wednesday program) to speak with someone about this and other challenges of the new workplace.

–Compiled by Sheila Ellis

Made with recycled materials, graduation gowns get greener, pricier

By Hannah Loftus
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Twenty-three plastic bottles – that is what graduates will be wearing at this Saturday's commencement ceremonies.

K-State's graduation ceremonies have officially "gone green" with the addition of new Greenweaver Graduation Gowns.

According to a news release, the gowns are each made from 23 recycled plastic bottles.

"The gowns are being manufactured by Oak Hall Cap and Gown," said Carolyn Rose, manager of the K-State Student Union

Bookstore. "This will be the first year that the gowns have been used in any major university. They just developed the technology so that these gowns are available."

Rose said the gowns are actually a better quality than the old gowns and are softer to the touch. They drape better and are more resistant to wrinkles, according to the release.

There are more than 60 million plastic bottles going into U.S. landfills each day, according to the release. The fabric is spun from the recycled bottles that are melted into plastic pellets that is then used to make the graduation

gowns.

Rose said the gowns are a better arrangement for K-State because a portion of the sales go back to the university.

"A percentage of all the gowns purchased from us will go directly to Students for Environmental Action, a student group on campus," Rose said. "It is really a win-win situation for everyone."

However, Rose said the gowns are slightly more expensive than the graduation gowns worn in years past, at about \$40 instead of about \$35, but since they are not made out of polyester, they are higher-quality.

She said the cost of the gown depends on the degree being received. The new materials do not apply to the doctoral gowns, which are rented and made out of velvet.

"I actually paid \$32 for my gown, and I thought it was just fine," said Jenna Vorndran, a K-State alumna. "The old ones were made out of polyester, but if the new ones are helping the environment then it's a good cause."

Vorndran said it was nice to see K-State giving back to campus groups.

Bert Fischer, senior in business, said he thought it was unfortunate that people will have to pay a higher price for a gown they will only wear once. He plans to borrow his gown from someone who graduated a year ago.

"That way I don't have to buy something that is just going to stick around in my closet collecting dust," Fischer said. "If people wanted to help the environment, then they could have just reused a gowns instead of having to buy new ones."

However, Rose said she thinks its a good deal for people.

"We have had nothing but positive feedback from our customers about the new gowns," Rose said.

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10 ways to eliminate boredom from graduation ceremony

Finals are over, family has traveled miles, everyone is seated in the auditorium and the commencement ceremony begins.

As exciting as this might seem, the truth is commencement ceremonies can be quite boring for both friends and families and the people graduating.

Graduation gowns and wisely selected purses can hide a treasure trove of items, so it is easy to bring some in-ceremony entertainment. Here are 10 ideas listed in no particular order. Do not stop with only these suggestions, though. The options for fun entertainment are endless.



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1. Listen to music. Just remember if you dance, people will notice. That is not necessarily bad, just something to keep in mind.
2. Operate a remote-control car. Pair up against a friend and see who can navigate the sea of chairs and feet the most skillfully.
3. **Make a friendship bracelet.** This option serves double duty as an easy solution to that gift you forgot to buy for someone's graduation party.
4. Apply for jobs. Put that iTouch or Blackberry to use and spend your time waiting to receive your degree planning for what to do once you have it.
5. "Go to the bathroom." How long it takes to return and what to do before reclaiming your seat is up to your imagination.
6. Make string creations, fifth grade-style. Cat's Cradle, Jacob's Ladder, a teacup and the Eiffel Tower are a few classics to start

- with.
7. Play telephone with the people around you. This requires cooperation from neighbors, but it can be a fun way to interact socially and quietly.
 8. Trade places with someone and see if anyone does anything. Truly ambitious people can continue trading until no one is in their original seats.
 9. Do in-chair workouts. Googling "in-chair workouts" provides countless ideas and exercises — who knew sitting could be so healthy?
 10. Do a crossword puzzle, a sudoku, a cryptokuip and read a short novel. Edifying your mind is always a good use of time.

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Recent grads should be weary using technology in the workplace

By Sheila Ellis
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Making the transition from the classroom to an office can be a tough one for recent grads, especially considering how wrapped up in social media and the Internet college students tend to be.

To help ease the transition, there are some helpful guidelines to know before getting fired for checking *Facebook.com* a dozen times a day or sneaking onto *YouTube.com* during work hours.

Harvard Townsend, chief information security officer at K-State, suggests one of the first things students should do at a new job is find out "exactly what their employer's policy is on personal use of the Internet, e-mail,

their computer and other company equipment: copiers, phone, fax, etc., and then stick to those boundaries diligently."

They should also find out about using their own cell phone during work time since some bosses frown on employees texting or talking while on "company time," he said.

Students should also ask about storing personal files on their work computers, and especially storing music files, using peer-to-peer file sharing programs or other music-downloading programs like iTunes on the company network, he said.

Some companies have strict rules against such programs because of copyright infringement, as well as the risk of accidental-

ly sharing company files via P2P networks. These networks can also inadvertently introduce malicious programs into the corporate network.

"Ask questions if there's anything they don't understand, because it could be the difference between keeping or losing their job," Townsend said.

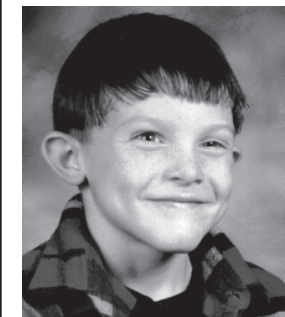
A Web site dedicated to helping recent grads make the transition into the real world, *Gradspot.com*, gives several tips about technology use in the work place.

1. Many companies filter for certain URLs and Web site content.
2. The office IT department also has full access to your most private inbox.

3. Make sure to keep all personal e-mails confined to a personal e-mail address.
4. Many companies employ staff to monitor work e-mail accounts, so just be aware that anything you write there is potentially being read by someone else.
5. Keep your e-mails clean and to a minimum
6. Overall, companies are more concerned with what you are sending out than what's coming in.
7. When writing colleagues, adopt a formal tone until you get indication otherwise. Steer clear of spelling and grammar mistakes.
8. Write clear and concise e-mail subjects so that e-mails can be searched for quickly in people's inboxes.

9. Use the carbon copy field sparingly. People should know why they are receiving a copy of the message.
10. Read the entire thread of an e-mail before you reply.
11. Don't forward huge and unnecessary attachments. It's annoying and takes up a lot of space.
15. If an e-mail thread reaches above three or four e-mails, it's time to pick up the phone and talk to the person directly.
16. If you need to answer a brief personal call at your desk, or if you need to discuss anything at length, it is probably best to step outside and utilize your cell phone.

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